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AREA SEPARATING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING

APPARATUS EMPLOYING THE SAME, AND AREA SEPARATING

**METHOD** 

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C. F. R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2004 (Paper No./Mail Date 20040913), please amend the application as follows and consider the Remarks set forth below.